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ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Union Government to develop textile industry in various States during the last two years, particularly those functioning in backward areas, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to develop the industry further in the Eastern and North-Eastern States also?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)
(a) & (b) Union Government acts as facilitator for development of textile industry in the country. The expenditure incurred by the Union Government under plan head during 1997-98 and 1998-99 were to the tune of Rs.254.84 crore and Rs.233.36 crore respectively.
Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for Textile and Jute Industries which is in operation since 01.04.1999 for a period of 5 years, i.e., up to 31.03.2004. Loans under the scheme are extended by the nodal agencies/co-opted institutions to the identified segments of the industry for the projects in conformity with the scheme and financial norms of the concerned Financial Institutions. Government funding is limited to reimbursement of interest at 5% point on the interest charged by the lending agency on a project of technology upgradation in conformity with the scheme.
Apart from the above, Government has launched Technology Mission on Cotton to improve the production, productivity and quality of cotton, schemes for upgradation and establishment of new laboratories, liberalisation of Industrial Licensing Policy for setting up of new industrial units and expansion of the existing units, etc.
Certain other important schemes taken by the Union Government to develop the textile industry in the country, including Eastern and North-Eastern States, are given below:

i) Handloom sector: Workshed-cum Housing Scheme; Project package Scheme; Handloom Development Centres/Quality Dyeing Units; Group Insurance Schemes etc.

ii) Powerloom Sector: Establishment of Powerloom Service Centres & Computer Aided Design Centres; Group Insurance Scheme etc.

iii) Silk Sector: Project for Development of Sericulture; Action Plan for Sericulture Developmentin North East States; Catalytic Development Programmes etc.

iv) Wool Sector: Integrated Sheep and Wool Development Project; Area Based Project for Wool and Woollens Development; Wool Testing Centres and Weaving and Design Training Centre etc.